

A 1 response to activation of the message key, and wherein the light source is responsive to a message waiting signal generated by the call management interface,  
the message key having a distinct visual impression, apart from its emission of visible light, compared to its adjoining keys.

A 2 18. A telephone set, comprising:  
a) a housing;  
b) a dialing interface mounted in the housing;  
c) a plurality of dialing keys attached to the housing and operably connected to the dialing interface;  
d) a transceiver electrically connected to the dialing interface and in communication with a call management interface;  
e) a message alert and retrieval device attached to the housing, comprising a message key operably connected to the dialing interface, and a light source that causes emission of a visible light from the message key, wherein the dialing interface generates a message retrieval control signal in response to activation of the message key, and wherein the light source is responsive to a message waiting signal generated by the call management interface and received through the transceiver;  
f) a transmitter attached to the housing and electrically connected to the transceiver; and  
g) a receiver attached to the housing and electrically connected to the transceiver, the message key presenting a distinct visual impression, apart from its emission of visible light, compared to its adjoining keys.

19. A message indicator for a telephone, the message indicator comprising:  
a light source that emits light when a message is waiting,  
a first key that, when manipulated by a user of the telephone, causes transmission of a message retrieval signal, and  
a plurality of additional keys, wherein one or more of the additional keys is located adjacent to the first key, and the first key is visually distinct from its adjacent keys other than by its emission of light, and  
wherein the light source is physically integrated with the key.

20. A telephone comprising:

A1 a message indicator light and a message access key, wherein the light is integrated with the key, the key comprising an upper surface whose substantial entirety emits light from the message indicator light.--

Please add claims 21-23.

--21. The telephone set of claim 1, wherein the message key has a visibly different shape than its adjoining keys.

A3 22. The telephone set of claim 1, wherein the message key is spaced apart from each of its adjoining keys by a distance that differs from the spacing between the adjoining key and its next adjoining key.

23. The telephone set of claim 1, wherein the message key is spaced apart from at least one of its adjoining keys by a distance that differs from the distance between the adjoining key and its next adjoining key.--